

# **KNOTS AND LINKS: SOFTWARE AND ONLINE RESOURCES**



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# ONLINE RESOURCES

Data bases of knots and their invariants:

- ◆ Knot Atlas by Dror Bar Natan and Scott Morrisson

[http://katlas.math.toronto.edu/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://katlas.math.toronto.edu/wiki/Main_Page)

- ◆ KnotInfo by Chuck Livingston

<http://www.indiana.edu/~knotinfo/>

# ONLINE RESOURCES

- ◆ KnotFinder powered by Knotscape on KnotInfo website  
<http://www.indiana.edu/~knotinfo/knotfinder.php>

Input: DT notation for prime knots up to 13 crossings

Output: Classical name

- ◆ KnotSketcher by Jiho Kim Java program

<http://www.indiana.edu/~knotinfo/homelinks/knotsketcher.html>

Input: Drawing

Output: DT name

# KNOT THEORY SOFTWARE

- KnotPlot by Rob Scharain
- Knotscape by Morween Thistlethwaite and Jim Hoste
- Knot Theory by Dror Bar Natan
- Knot2000 by M. Ochiai, N. Imafuji
- LinKnot by S. Jablan and R.Sazdanovic

And many more....

# KNOT THEORY SOFTWARE

Knot tightening algorithms and ideal shapes

- ◆ SONO by Piotr Pieransky

<http://etacar.put.poznan.pl/piotr.pieranski/>

- ◆ Ridgerunner by Jason Cantarella

<http://www.jasoncantarella.com/webpage/index.php?title=Software>

# KNOTPLOT

by Robert Scharein

<http://knotplot.com/>

- ◆ Visualize and manipulate knots in three and four dimensions.

Input:

- ◆ Coordinates
- ◆ Drawing
- ◆ Tangle calculator
- ◆ Current project: establish a 2-way communication between the KnotPlot and LinKnot

# KNOT THEORY

D. Bar Natan

[http://katlas.math.toronto.edu/wiki/The Mathematica Package KnotTheory](http://katlas.math.toronto.edu/wiki/The_Mathematica_Package_KnotTheory)

Input:

- ◆ Any notation you can think of ...

Can compute:

- ◆ Almost anything you can come up with in classical knot theory
- ◆ Khovanov homology-J. Green, other A. Shumakovitch KhoHo

Cotton Seed.

- ◆ Heegaard Floer by Jean Marie Droz (other: J. Baldwin, W.D. Gillam)

# KNOTSCAPE

Jim Hoste & Morween Thistlethwaite

With the input from Bruce Ewing, Ken Millett, Ken Stephenson and Jeff Weeks (SnapPea, new version SnapPy by M. Culler and N. Dunfield)

- ◆ <http://pzacad.pitzer.edu/~jhoste/HosteWebPages/kntscp.html>

## INPUT:

- ◆ Braid
- ◆ Dowker/Thistlethwaite code (Gauss code)
- ◆ by selecting from the knot tables- classical name
- ◆ or by drawing with a mouse



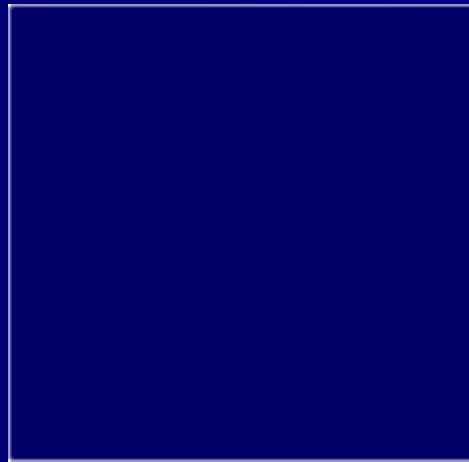
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## OUTPUT:

- ◆ find the knot (or its summands with respect to connected sum) in the tables (provided it is truly a 16 crossing knot or less!),
- ◆ draw a pretty picture of it,
- ◆ compute its HOMFLY, Kauffman, Jones, or Alexander polynomial,
- ◆ compute representations of its fundamental group into the symmetric group on five letters, or
- ◆ compute various hyperbolic invariants a la Snap Pea.

# LinKnot



**S. Jablan, R. Sazdanovic**  
**The extended version of**  
**KNOT 2000**  
**by M.Ochiai, N.Imafuji**